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SUBJECT: SOVIET GENERAL APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF BULGARIAN
STATE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDIZATION

1. GOB'S STATE COMMITTEE ON STANDARIZATION (SCS)

AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PERFORMS IMPORTANT EXECUTIVE
CONTROLLING FUNCTIONS IN BULGARIAN INDUSTRIAL AND
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. SCS SETS STANDARDS OF PRO-
DUCTION AND SCS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENT IN ALL
BULGARIAN PRODUCTIVE FACILITIES, CONCERNING THEMSELVES
WITH QUALITY CONTROL.) SCS REPS HAVE POWER TO STOP
PRODUCTION IN A PLANT. SCS IS ALSO PRINCIPAL GOB
ORGAN INVOLVED IN STANDARDIZATION WITHIN CEMA, PLAYING
PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN ANY INTRA-CEMA
JOINT PRODUCTION ENTERPRISES.

2. ON MARCH 2, MOST MAJOR GOB UNITS HELD PRE-MARCH 3

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HOLIDAY RALLY MEETINGS OF PERSONNEL. ON THIS OCCASION
AT SCS WAS INTRODUCED AS NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, A SOVIET
GENERAL NAMED (FNU) YAKOVLEV. (HIS APPOINTMENT HAS NOT
YET BEEN ANNOUNCED IN DURZHAVEN VESTNIK, THE GOVERNMENT
GAZETTE, AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE.) YAKOVLEV THEN MADE
A SPEECH IN FRACTURED RUSSO-BULGARIAN WHICH CAUSED SOME
PRIVATE, ADVERSE COMMENT AMONG SCS PERSONNEL AFTER THE

MEETING.

3. COMMENT: EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SOVIET "ADVISERS" ARE
PRESENT IN ALL MAJOR GOB BODIES. YAKOVLEV'S HIGH
PERSONAL RANK AND THE RELATIVE OPENNESS OF HIS ROLE ARE
MORE UNUSUAL ELEMENTS IN SITUATION AT SCS AND MAY REFLECT
GROWING SOVIET AND BULGARIAN CONCERN OVER QUALITY CONTROL
IN BULGARIAN PRODUCTION AS WELL AS CLOSER BULGARIAN CEMA
INTEGRATION.
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